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These comments are in response to the "scoping" request process for the above project.

First, there is no end result good for the customer (individual member of the public). The overwhelming want of every to and from work commuter is less traffic congestion. That public need is not addressed anywhere in the plan. It is as if Safeway planned to build a new store without a produce or meat department.

Second, there are only "do nothing" or government provided solutions. Private enterprise and accompanying attempts to address consumer needs are not on this agenda.

Third, a review of all laws and procedures as impediments to innovation is absent. That aspect should have been first.

Fourth, the average member of the public is intimidated by a "planning" process that asks for his input only as a matter of form. His substantive needs/wants are not addressed with any sincerity. "Scoping" is thus a process, not a search for genuine concern and/or solutions to his problems.

Fifth, this whole "project" is so very governmental. If a private company followed these procedures with hope of well serving the public profitably, it would have long since been dead broke.

Sincerely,

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